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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : *Y* DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *pcfs* SAC, OMAHA (62-3173) (P)

SUBJECT: "IOWA CITY OPPRESSED CITIZEN"  
UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPER  
IS - MISC  
OO: Omaha

DATE: 10/27/70

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau is one copy of publication "Iowa City Oppressed Citizen" published at Iowa City, Iowa.

Copy of the "Iowa City Oppressed Citizen" dated 9/4/70 was received from [redacted]. The paper lists the following persons as being responsible for its publication:

~~RAY RUTHERFORD~~  
~~MERRILL SPECTOR~~  
~~DWAINE SCHAFFNER~~  
~~BARB MILLER~~  
~~AL CLOUD~~  
~~MARY DOCKERY~~  
~~PEG MC ELROY~~  
~~CAROL SCHAFFNER~~  
~~ANDY LAMBERSON~~

~~DON SMITH~~  
~~NICK WILKE~~  
~~CRAIG MUHL~~  
~~SONDRA SMITH~~  
~~ERIC DAVIS~~  
~~BILL HOWELL~~  
~~JULIE MUHL~~  
~~DON KLEINHESSELINK~~  
~~FRED LAMBERSON~~

[redacted] advised she obtained copy of the "Iowa City Oppressed Citizen" from CRAIG MUHL, who was distributing copies on the streets of Iowa City, Iowa. [redacted] is continuing her efforts to identify the editorial staff of the "Iowa City Oppressed Citizen".

The publication is a bi-monthly publication and is sold through various underground representatives on and off the campus at the University of Iowa.

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The Omaha Division has opened a case on CRAIG MUHL and is continuing investigation of the underground newspaper and will report results to the Bureau.

Omaha will attempt to discreetly ascertain through logical sources the location, publishing and printing facilities, extent of circulation, sources of funds, identity of editorial staff members and extent of any foreign or domestic subversion.

Future copies furnished by [redacted] will be maintained in the 1-A exhibit section in the Omaha Division.

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# Memorandum

TO: *Boyle* DIRECTOR, FBI (100-461368)

DATE: 2/8/71

FROM: SAC, OMAHA (62-3173) (P)

SUBJECT: "IOWA CITY OPPRESSED CITIZEN"  
UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPER  
IS - MISC.

OO: OMAHA

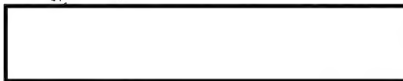
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Re Omaha letter to Bureau, 10/27/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of LHM regarding captioned paper.

One copy of LHM is being furnished to Secret Service, Omaha; USA, Des Moines, Iowa; MIG, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; OSI, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska; and NISO, Chicago, Illinois.

Sources utilized in this case, who have furnished reliable information in the past, are listed below:



The following individuals have had security cases opened on them in the Omaha Division due to the fact that sources have identified them as being most closely associated with captioned paper:

SHERI RADERS  
LOUIS MOSCOSO  
LOUIS KATZ  
TOM PYPER  
IAN DAY  
ERICH DAVIS  
AL CLOUD  
DON KLEINHESSELINK  
JULIE MUHL

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If investigation determines that any one person should be recommended for the Security Index, a summary report will be submitted, otherwise no report will be submitted, UACB.

Enclosed LHM is classified confidential because the unauthorized distribution of information contained therein could result in the identification of sources of continuing value and thus adversely affect the national security.

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AT IOWA CITY, IOWA

Will attempt to determine the following regarding captioned papers:

(a) Propensity for violence of individuals connected with this publication.

(b) Whether individuals connected with this publication reside in communal-type existence.

(c) Extent of any domestic or foreign subversion.

(d) Diversion of income to support revolutionary groups or other extremists with propensity for violence.

Results will be submitted to Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Omaha, Nebraska  
February 8, 1970

"IOWA CITY OPPRESSED CITIZEN"  
UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPER

On September 17, 1970, a source who has given reliable information in the past furnished a copy of the "Iowa City Oppressed Citizen" (underground newspaper), dated September 4, 1970, which he obtained from Craig Muhl, who was distributing copies on the streets of Iowa City, Iowa. The paper reflected articles attacking racism against the Mexican-American workers, university rules and codes of conduct as they apply to students, Vietnam war, and the present government. The paper listed the following persons as being responsible for its publication: SUBJ. PAPER

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Ray Rutherford  
Don Smith  
Merrill Spector  
Nick Wilke  
Dwayne Schaffner  
Craig Muhl  
Barb Miller  
Sondra Smith  
Al Cloud  
Erich Davis  
Mary Dockery  
Bill Howell  
Peg McElroy  
Julie Muhl  
Carol Schaggner  
Don Kleinhesselink  
Andy Lamberson  
Fred Lamberson

Source further advised that the paper is published bi-monthly and sold through various underground representatives on and off the campus at the University of Iowa.

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"IOWA CITY OPPRESSED CITIZEN"  
UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPER

On November 4, 1970, a second source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that the "Iowa City Oppressed Citizen" is distributed in the following cities in Iowa:

Mason City  
Cedar Falls  
Waterloo  
Charles City  
Coralville  
Iowa Falls  
Marshalltown  
Ames  
Iowa City

Source stated that approximately 3,000 copies of each issue are sold. The paper is sold for 25 cents a copy and clears approximately \$50.00 an issue.

On November 10, 1970, second source advised that a circulation meeting of the "Iowa City Oppressed Citizen" was held at 29 College Street, Iowa City, Iowa, which is the residence of Craig Muhl. Muhl identified himself as the editor of the "Oppressed Citizen" and that the paper was being printed in Iowa at Orange City, Iowa. Source also advised that Muhl attends the Iowa City, Iowa, Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) meetings held on the University of Iowa campus, but is not involved in the leadership of the local chapter. Source identified the following persons who were present at the circulation meeting and appeared to be the most involved in publishing the paper:

Sheri Raders ✓  
Louis Moscoso ✓  
Louis Katz ✓  
Tom Pyper ✓  
Ian Day ✓  
Erich Davis ✓  
Al Cloud ✓  
Don Kleinhesselink ✓  
Julie Muhl ✓

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"IOWA CITY OPPRESSED CITIZEN"  
UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPER

On January 22, 1971, second source advised that the "Iowa City Oppressed Citizen" has not been published since November 29, 1970, due to vacations and final examinations at the University of Iowa. Source advised that Craig Muhl plans to start publishing the paper again in February, 1971.

A characterization of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) appears in the appendix pages attached hereto.

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

Students for a Democratic Society, commonly known as SDS, came into existence at a founding convention held during June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy," Marxist-Leninist ideology of various shadings became predominant during 1968-1969 with debate centering on how best to create a revolutionary youth movement. SDS moved from involvement in the civil rights struggle to an anti-Vietnam war position to advocacy of a militant anti-imperialist line linking up the oppressed peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America with the black liberation movement in the United States. All major factions within SDS embrace Marxism-Leninism and identify internationally with China, Cuba and North Vietnam as countries leading the worldwide struggles against the United States. However, the Soviet Union was regarded as imperialist and with the Communist Party, United States of America, "revisionist" in nature.

SDS operated under a national constitution which called for an annual National Convention (NC) and quarterly National Council meetings wherein programs were initiated and debated. Three national officers were elected annually with a National Interim Committee to run the organization. Regional offices and college chapters elected delegates to the national meetings but each functioned independently on local matters. Its official publication "Fire" (formerly "New Left Notes") last appeared in December, 1969.

Internal factionalism of serious proportions developed during 1968 - 1969 and the following three factions evolved as a result of a split at the June, 1969, NC: Weatherman, Worker Student Alliance (WSA), and Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM). The effect of the split on SDS chapters throughout the country was divisive. Some aligned with one or the other of the three major factions. Others, unable to identify with any faction, disassociated with SDS completely and changed names.

The SDS national office in recent years was located at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois. It was closed in February, 1970.

The Weatherman and RYM groups no longer consider themselves associated with SDS, and the WSA group refers to itself as the true SDS.

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WEATHERMAN

Initially called the "Action Faction," Weatherman came into being immediately before the June, 1969, Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) National Convention (NC). At this NC Weatherman won all three national officer positions and a majority of the National Interim Committee as well. Subsequently, they took over the SDS National Office (NO) in Chicago, and controlled its funds, paper and national records. Although internal struggle existed until late 1969, Weatherman for all major purposes controlled SDS nationally from June, 1969, until its NO closed in February, 1970. At this time it no longer considered itself part of SDS.

The term Weatherman emerged from an ideological paper prepared by its leaders entitled "You Don't Need a Weatherman to Know Which Way the Wind Blows" ("New Left Notes" June 18, 1969). This statement outlined the basic stance of Weatherman: Marxist-Leninist in content but with strong advocacy that action not theory would bring about revolution in the United States. This posture was complemented with an international identification to the Cuban revolution and Castro's statement that the duty of a revolutionary is to make revolution.

During October, 1969, Weatherman riots in Chicago resulted in more than 260 arrests for mob action and related charges. A program of armed struggle was finalized during a December, 1969, "War Council" wherein terrorist tactics and political assassination were contemplated. The basic strength of Weatherman was then revealed to be some 300 - 350 nationally and geographically apportioned to the Midwest, New York, and some Northwest.

As its rhetoric of violence escalated, Weatherman leaders increasingly discussed the necessity of an underground operation wherein more than 90 percent of the organization would be submerged; "affinity groups" of three - five members would function independently. In February, 1970, Weatherman leaders announced a program of "strategic sabotage" with police and military installations as primary targets.

In February, 1970, Weatherman abandoned the SDS NO, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, and throughout the country entered an underground status.

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WORKER STUDENT ALLIANCE/PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY

A source advised during August, 1969, that at the National Convention (NC) of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) held in Chicago, Illinois, during June, 1969, a split arose between the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) and the National Office (NO), the NO becoming known as the Weatherman faction. The PLP faction drew the largest support among those in attendance at the NC.

Source further advised that during late Summer, 1969, the PLP faction of SDS established its National Headquarters (NH) on the second floor of a loft-type building at 173A Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts. The campaign on which PLP faction centered was to build a worker student alliance or a campus worker student alliance. Thus, they adopted the names of Worker Student Alliance (WSA) or Campus Worker Student Alliance.

Source stated that the "New Left Notes" printed in New York City, is the official publication of the WSA faction.

A second source advised during January, 1970, that within the SDS, the WSA is a caucus of which the PLP constitutes the leadership.

A third source advised during July, 1970, that during demonstrations staged in the Boston area during the Spring and Summer of 1970 by the NH, the main theme of previous demonstrations staged by the NH shifted from protestations of the Vietnam War and other United States foreign policy matters to attacking domestic issues such as racism and unemployment and demonstrating support of the "workers' struggle."

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PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY

"The New York Times" city edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new part of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) which had been known as the Progressive Labor Movement.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962 by Milton Rosen and Mortimer Scheer after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

A source advised on June 3, 1968, that the PLP held its Second National Convention in New York City, May 31 to June 2, 1968, at which time the PLP reasserted its objective of the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism.

The source also advised that at the Second National Convention Milton Rosen was unanimously reelected National Chairman of the PLP and Levi Laub, Fred Jerome, Jared Israel, William Epton, Jacob Rosen, Jeffrey Gordon, and Walter Linder were elected as the National Committee to lead the PLP until the next convention.

The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor," a bimonthly magazine, and "Challenge-Desafio," a monthly newspaper.

Source advised on May 25, 1970, that the PLP utilizes an address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn, New York, and also utilizes an office in Room 617, 1 Union Square West, New York, New York.

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REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH MOVEMENT

A source advised that the Revolutionary Youth Movement II (RYMII) faction of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) held a national conference at Atlanta, Georgia, from November 26 to 30, 1969. At this conference it was decided to form a new organization to be known as Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM), characterized as a mass anti-imperialist youth organization, said organization being proposed as separate and distinct in form and content from SDS. The "Principles of Unity" adopted by the conference included a struggle against white supremacy and male supremacy; fights against imperialism, anticommunism, fascism and oppression of youth; and support of the right of self-determination of all "oppressed nations," also support of the right of all "oppressed and exploited" peoples "to armed self-defense." It was agreed that RYM would not be a Marxist-Leninist organization; however, source said this was decided in order to indicate an organization broad enough in form to be acceptable to everyone. A temporary National Steering Committee (NSC) made up of eight females and two males was elected to govern RYM until national officers could be elected during the Spring of 1970.

RYM publications have listed the RYM National Office (NO) at Post Office Box 5421 and Post Office Box 77012 C, both Atlanta, Georgia, and a second source has advised that the NO has no office space but would probably be considered as located at Apartment 27, 1067 Alta Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta.

Second source advised that women dominated the founding conference and have continued to dominate NSC meetings to the point that "women's liberation" has apparently become the RYM's principal issue - also that RYM's poor financial condition has resulted in its failure to publish a paper. During early 1970, RYM has decided to cater to the working class rather than youth, since the potential for social revolution lies in workers.

A third source has stated that it was decided at the March, 1970, NSC meeting that RYM women had decided the organization will be molded into a "working class, Marxist-Leninist, revolutionary, anti-imperialist, problack nationalist, people's women's liberation organization."

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-461368)

DATE: 4/9/71

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (100-3173) (P)

SUBJECT:

① "IOWA CITY OPPRESSED CITIZEN"  
UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPER  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS

OO: OMAHA

Re Omaha letter and LHM dated 2/8/71.

Omaha is closely following the activities of captioned newspaper and various members associated with its staff. Investigation is continuing and a follow-up LHM will be submitted in June, 1971, at the close of the current academic school year at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

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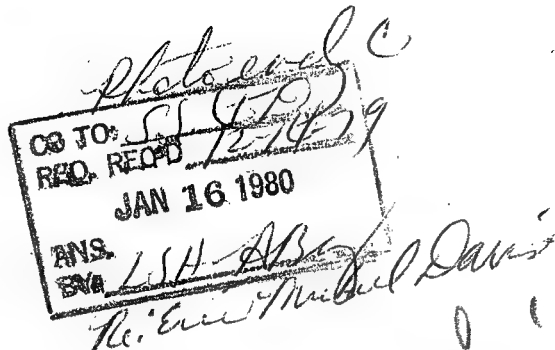
TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-461368)

DATE: 6/25/71

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (62-3173) (P)

SUBJECT: "IOWA CITY OPPRESSED CITIZEN"  
UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPER  
IS - MISC

OO: OMAHA



Re Omaha letter and LHM to Bureau, 2/8/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 10 copies of LHM re captioned newspaper.

One copy of enclosed LHM is being furnished to U. S. Secret Service, Omaha; USA, Des Moines, Iowa; MIG, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; OSI, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska; and NISO, Chicago, Illinois.

The identity of sources utilized in enclosed LHM will be maintained on Omaha copy of instant communication.

The enclosed LHM is being classified confidential because of unauthorized disclosure of information contained therein could result in the identification of sources of continuing value, and thus adversely affect the national security.

Sources at the University of Iowa (UI) advised they have not received an edition of captioned paper since April of this year. Sources stated that due to the financial problems of the paper, they have suspended publication temporarily until such time as they have cleared their debts.

Summary reports have been submitted on those persons mainly responsible for the publication of the paper, with SI recommendations.

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AT IOWA CITY, IOWA

Will continue to follow efforts to publish future editions of captioned paper through established sources and informants at UI and report same to the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Omaha, Nebraska  
June 25, 1971

"IOWA CITY OPPRESSED CITIZEN"

On January 25, 1971, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised captioned paper was being printed at the Rantoul Press, Inc., 1332 Harmon Drive, Rantoul, Illinois. The mailing address of the publication was in care of Craig Muhl, Iowa City, Iowa. The Rantoul Press, Inc., has published two editions of the underground newspaper, printing a total of 5,000 copies at a cost of \$252.50. 29 College St.

On May 21, 1971, sources at the University of Iowa, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the "Iowa City Oppressed Citizen", an underground newspaper is experiencing financial difficulties and is unable to publish current editions of the paper. Craig Muhl is editor of the paper and plans to commence publishing the paper again when all debts are paid. Mrs.

Muhl is having some difficulties in maintain a staff of competent persons to publish the paper. Muhl relies heavily on his wife, Julie Muhl, for support in publishing and printing the various editions of the newspaper. Sources further advised that Craig and Julie Muhl are the most dedicated persons associated with the paper, and that none of the other individuals connected with the publication are believed to have any propensities toward violence. Sources believe Craig and Julie Muhl would utilize violence as a technique if they felt it would bring about the proper changes in our society.

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"IOWA CITY OPPRESSED CITIZEN"

Sources stated most all of the organizational meetings prior to publishing an edition are held at Craig Muhl's residence at 29 College Street, Iowa City, Iowa. Muhl lives there with his wife as well as several other hippie-type individuals who aid in the publication of the underground newspaper.

Sources advised that all monies utilized to publish the paper come from student demonstrations and sale of the paper. Sources do not believe that there is any foreign or other domestic financial assistance provided to the paper.

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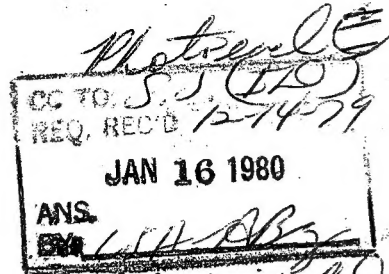
TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-461368)

DATE: 10-28-71

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (62-3173) (C)

SUBJECT: "IOWA CITY OPPRESSED CITIZEN"  
UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPER  
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OO: OMAHA



Re Omaha letter and LHM to Bureau dated 6-25-71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 10 copies of LHM regarding captioned newspaper.

Enclosed for Springfield is one copy of LHM.

One copy of enclosed LHM is being furnished Secret Service, Omaha, Nebraska, and USA, Des Moines, Iowa.

Source utilized is .

Due to the fact there are no anticipated future editions of this newspaper, this case is being closed in the Omaha Division, although the activities of those responsible for its publication will be closely followed by established sources at the University of Iowa.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Omaha, Nebraska  
October 28, 1971

**"IOWA CITY OPPRESSED CITIZEN"  
UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPER**

Reference Omaha memorandums dated February 8 and  
June 25, 1971.

On October 15, 1971, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised captioned newspaper has not had a publication since March, 1971. Craig Muhl, editor, has announced there will be no future editions of paper due to the lack of funds and interest by the students. The paper has not had any circulation or staff meetings since June when attempts were made to obtain necessary funds from various Iowa City, Iowa, banks.

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